

The Pocahontas Times.

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What with the embalmed beef, the Schley-Sampson controversy, General Miles, and the numerous army and navy spats, the Water Cure in the Philippines, and other things to be investigated, too numerous to mention, would it not be a good plan to make a special department, and have another cabinet officer?

Statesmen are coming in from different directions, thanks to the last legislature. Jake Fisher, a talented member of the Braxton County bar, visited Pocahontas County this week as a candidate for the State Senatorship from this district. He made many friends while here. He was called to Pickens by a telegram saying that his only child was very sick. He will return at an early date.

Willford Davis, who murdered Chief of Police Martiller of Elkins, in April, was tried last Wednesday. The trial lasted about a day and was given to the jury at four o'clock. Thursday at 2 o'clock the jury was sentenced to be hung on June 20th.

Justice was meted out in this case, in less time than in most cases of this kind. The killing was committed in April, the trial taking place about a month later and the murderer will be executed in June. Randolph has had several lynchings, and the officers are beginning to realize that the only way to keep down mob law is to administer justice quickly and in strong doses.

Congress has a committee investigating the "Water Cure."

The water cure is a form of torture that would make the rack of the Spanish inquisition. When the officers would think that a brother Filipino knew of hidden stores and guns, they would ply the questions, and if he refused to respond satisfactorily, he would be tied to the ground, his mouth propped open, and a hose of water turned on until a lean patient would look like a larger beer Dutchman. We would imagine treatment like this would make a man find guns where there were none, to make use of an Irishism. While we are willing to believe almost anything of a man who graduates from the military school at West Point, yet it is not likely that this form of torture was practiced to any great extent if at all.

THE MARLINTON BRIDGE.

There is a bridge across the river at Marlinton. It is a wooden, covered bridge, built before the war. Its piers and abutments are as good as when first put in. The spans receive their strength from the fine white pine timbers procured from the Knapps Creek country. This bridge has always been regarded a particularly fine structure of its kind. The spans are rather long, and when a man drives a trotting team across the bridge at an unlawful speed it is quite a sight to stand at one end and watch the vibration. The bolt-heads dance before the eyes as the elastic structure responds to rhythmic tread of the trotters. The rebound in the middle of the spans is variously estimated to be from eight inches to a foot.

Some think the bridge may be injured in time by this course of treatment.

The oldest inhabitant came to the bridge the other day just in time to see a man trot his horse across the bridge, and he called his companion's attention to the dancing bolt heads as the bridge vibrated. He expressed his opinion that there was far more vibration than there used to be and that it was time that all the bolt nuts should be screwed up again with powerful wrenches, as they used to do in days long past. He said that the wood shrunk with age, and the bolts became more or less loose. Saying which he put up his hand and taking hold of one of the gigantic bolts in an arch turned it with his hand.

His idea is that as the strength of the structure depends on the bolts holding together the timbers, that if these bolts loosen up the bridge will become more and more crazy, until some fine morning it will fall down on the trotting teams. We think this theory will bear investigation.

We would like to see this bridge double tracked, as teams constantly pass each other in the bridge, and as it is now are compelled to climb out into the foot paths on either side.

BUCKEYE.

Fine weather at this date. Morgan Adkison, from Millpoint, made a flying trip to the W. C. Lumber Company Sunday. A. W. McNeill is on the sick-list this week.

Andy Rose is looking out a place to build on in the near future Mrs. Nettie Weiford made a flying trip to Buckeye Monday.

Emery Adkison says he never could jump a fence without tearing it down. Emery is a hustler.

T. M. Aldridge is fixing to build a well.

D. F. Hoffman is the Sawyer at the W. C. Lumber Company. I'll have to close as breakfast is ready.

FILLMORE.

MILLPOINT.

We are now reaping the harvest of the merry month of May. The flowery crown of the year crops, grass, trees, and the roses are each running a true race in nature, in acts, not talk. The sun is also in the silent race, lengthening the days and increasing the heat.

And still to make it still more hotter our dear old county, Pocahontas, drops in line with another race. Talk of office, a matter of great personal importance to all. The planting the corner-stones of our grand old commonwealth; a time to apply our best judgment. It is easy to outline reform and improvements in our county, as this requires only one man, at our home, with one will, but to apply requires a majority of all the men in the county. This is the time we should think and act, and then ourselves for getting what we do not want; and not shift the blame to the law for making our will, the law being the second act; and more still blame our honorable officers for executing our will which is their law.

Referring to the stand our Brother who signs himself a Voter of Greenbank, five-eighths talk relative to whiskey. Brother, your stand is OK, but a stand does not move and the chief reason you are not a member of the Court today to wipe out whiskey, put bridges where they belong, tear them down where not needed, drop dollars a piece built over the heads of the voters, the will of the people being the law of our country. Its the voter not our county officials: not the whiskey. If our young men, you say, that are rushing so fast down that black road to ruin, would wait for the whiskey to crawl down off the shelf, out the door, around to the church into the young man's pocket, and then down his throat, they would have to quit making it. If they will wait until our county officers perform the whiskey act for them, they will still remain that nice young man. It is not the whiskey, but the thirst; not our county officials, but the voter.

Cline and Company claim to have just closed out an extensive timber deal with Squire McNeel. They say they will in short time start the wheels of commerce that will land their business in eastern markets. This will be another great advantage to our country. They claim to employ fifty men or more paying good wages.

While at work on the farm near Mr. Wilfong's Edward Layne was confronted by a very vicious-looking animal, which he supposed was a wildcat. The animal at first seemed to show fight, but Layne being a man of fight himself, seizing a branch of a tree soon drove the animal to a thicket near by.

Jacob has ordered himself a first class news-basket. We are informed that he intends to make and deliver fancy news at cost.

Harvey Fairbanks says those big black eyes haunt him by day and by night.

If Southern Spy and B. F. are so anxious for a fight they should bait each others traps, making sure to catch the right dog, and when caught look for wool in his teeth; be sure to get the right one, and if you are not satisfied with this, come out in the open. We are opposed to the Indian mode of fighting.

A sad accident occurred in the Horeshoe Bend just below W. H. Boblett's. While returning home last Monday morning, as was his usual custom, dreaming of the happy future, forgetting the sorrows of the past, his bicycle was flying down the long decline at a rapid pace. But alas! his dreams were suddenly closed, when he collided with a large stone, completely wrecking both the machine and rider.

John Simmons the well-known teamster and horse jockey, has recently brought to light discoveries that will be of great benefit to the rising generation. He claims that a team fed with the bits in their mouths will keep up muer better on half rations than fed the old way. We watch Mr. Simmons project with great interest.

J. R. Ruckman, our enterprising farmer, has added a new enterprise to his valuable farm, in the form of a poultry yard. Anyone anticipating raising chickens would do well to visit his ranche, as it will be of great assistance in the way of gaining knowledge. Mr. Ruckman has spared neither brain nor money in bringing together all the modern improvements that go together in making up and bringing into action improvements that our people should be proud of.

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CAMPAIGN LITERATURE PLAYS IMPORTANT PART

In the Primary Tuesday. The Hot Race between S. L. Brown and E. I. Holt for County Clerk brings into the Game "Roars" and "Roar-backs."

"A Reply to 'Lawyer's' Article in the Pocahontas Times." "Vote the Official Ballot," in which Mr. Brown calls Attention to the Fact that there is Another Ticket in the Official Ballot. Mr. Holt's Reply.

This year for the first time campaign literature figured in the canvass, both candidates for County Clerk distributing circulars. The race for the clerkship was the most hotly contested one for years, and for awhile editions of these circulars were coming out hourly. They went by the name of "roar-backs" and were in great demand by the reading public. The circulars were to be seen in the hands of the voters on election day, and no doubt played a part in turning the tide. While this mode of electioneering is new in Pocahontas County, it is used extensively everywhere else and has always proved very efficient. While a great many have seen them, there are others who have not. We print the ones that make the most interesting reading

Reply to "Lawyer's" Article in the Pocahontas Times

To the Voters of Pocahontas:

I noticed in last issue of the "Pocahontas Times" that Mr. E. I. Holt, Brown be re-elected to the office of County Clerk, because of his having been so long the incumbent of that office and consequently so well acquainted with the workings of the same.

Not saying a word that will detract from Mr. Brown's good reputation, for we all agree that he is a gentleman almost above reproach, and suppose he is thoroughly acquainted with the workings of the office to which he aspires for re-election; still we believe that "Lawyer" in his extremely well written article, argues from false premises. He states in substance that he believes in the rotation of some offices, but not in the office of County Clerk. Now the various Legislatures, through their enactments and laws, have in past years reduced the County Clerk's office and its keeping to a science. It is provided that the various records and papers shall be kept in especially prepared books and boxes, and in especially prepared places. If the office in question has been properly kept during the twelve years of Mr. Brown's incumbency, there should be but little trouble for his successor, if he is a man of even ordinary intelligence, to be able to locate and care for any record or paper pertaining to the office in an extremely short time. Of course there are some small things, such as being able to wait upon the patrons of the office, that must be learned by a new man upon his election, but this should be easily acquired. Beyond this, as I said, the office is so surrounded by express laws and regulations that the average man can care for it. The records are there to show for themselves. The clerk is not a part of the records of the office, but only the custodian of the same.

It is to be presumed that the wise legislators who created the office of County Clerk, and the wiser legislators who have perpetuated the same through past years, gave the matter, at the least, as much thought as has "Lawyer," and had they thought, as he does, that one man should hold the place forever, they would not have made it an elective office, but an appointive one, to be held for life or during good behavior. The County of Pocahontas was created by the legislature of Virginia in 1822, since which time the office of County Clerk has been filled by various good men. It has never been said before that "large property interests" were put in jeopardy on account of the office changing hands, nor have the past incumbents held the position for life and reared their children to succeed them.

We are living in a Republic, and the most prosperous and successful Republic the world has ever known. One of the chief causes of our phenomenal success has been the elective power placed by our Constitution in the hands of the people, and in exercising this power, rotation in office for all elective offices has become an ingrained principle of our institutions. It is one of the most important safeguards of the Republic. Should we allow one man to hold an office forever there is no telling what evils would result, should that man be devoid of principle.

Since when did the office of County Clerk become of more importance than that of President of the United States? Yet the incumbent of that high office is regularly changed every four years and at that most, every eight years, without placing in jeopardy the property interests of the millions of inhabitants of the Republic.

In conclusion allow me to say there are before you as candidates for County Clerk two gentlemen: Mr. S. L. Brown, the present incumbent, who is a man of most estimable parts, but who has held the office for 15 years; 12 years as clerk and 3 years as deputy of a former clerk; and Mr. E. I. Holt, a man of equally high character, who is well known to many of you as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and as one who has for years past labored faithfully and honestly for the success of the Democratic party in the county without ever asking a reward. Mr. Brown has made as efficient clerk. I assure you that Mr. Holt, if elected, will make an efficient and accommodating one. Mr. Brown has held the office long—Mr. Holt has labored long and held no office. I most assuredly think that Mr. Holt is entitled to the favorable consideration of the voters of the county.

ANOTHER LAWYER.

Marlinton, W. Va.
May 16, 1902

Vote the Official Ballot

To the Voters of Pocahontas County:

On the 3rd day of April, 1902, the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Pocahontas County met and formulated rules for holding the Primary Election.

Section 5 assesses each candidate and concludes with the following rule as the ballot to be voted:

"The Chairman and Secretary of this Committee shall prepare the ballot to be voted on by placing thereon the name of each candidate who has paid his assessment, WHICH SHALL BE THE ONLY BALLOT VOTED IN SAID ELECTION!"

This was done, and in each polling place will be found the regular official ballot.

In addition to this ballot, my opponent, Mr. E. I. Holt, has circulated through this county another ballot, copying exactly, in type, paper and size, the official ballot, having thereon all the names of the candidates except my own.

The rules being laid down by a committee of which he is chairman, he is either acting ignorantly or trenchantly in flooding the county with a spurious ballot.

The result of his action will be that he will either deceive his own friends and have their ballots rejected or that he will cause my friends to scratch his name and write my own and vote a ballot that cannot be counted.

I think it strange in a man holding the position Mr. Holt occupies as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, to whom the ballots will be returned, and who presided and assisted when the rules for holding of this primary were made. I leave it to the voters to say what his object was in this matter.

In circulating this card I wish to say that I only ask a fair election and not one which is calculated to breed trouble in the Democratic party by having contests over votes rejected.

S. L. BROWN.

TO THE VOTERS OF POCAHNTAS COUNTY:

It was with considerable astonishment that I read late last night the little poster that Mr. Brown is having circulated, in reference to the ballots I had printed, and "pity for pity," I have attempted throughout the campaign to treat Mr. Brown with the utmost fairness and have said many things in his favor. Have always spoken of him in the most gentlemanly way, as my friends and his will testify.

It has been the custom in primaries held heretofore in this county for candidates to have printed and use amongst their friends as many extra ballots as they deemed fit and useful in their canvass. This time when I had my ballots printed, I thought I was merely acting within my rights, and doing what I thought was perfectly legitimate. I made no attempt whatever to hide the fact that I was having them printed—my very openness about the matter shows that I was not trying to act treacherously, as Mr. Brown accuses me. If I had overlooked the article in the call for the primary which says that the chairman and secretary shall prepare the only ballot voted, I did it as any man naturally would who has had a great deal to do with primaries heretofore, and the order is a very radical departure from other orders in the call for former primaries. But if there is any question about the legality of any ballot that has been sent out, I assure you I do not want one used, and ask all my friends who may happen to have them in their possession to destroy them, and use only the ballots containing the names of all the candidates. This I hope will appease the wrath of my gentlemanly opponent.

As I said before I meant to do no one an unfairness. I have throughout the entire canvass treated Mr. Brown with the utmost courtesy, and have spoken of him in the very highest terms. But I must say that through the medium of Mr. Brown's circular or poster he has attempted to do me an injustice, and cloaks that intention by trying to hide it under language which he uses as follows: "The result of his action (meaning myself) will be to deceive his own friends."

Why has Mr. Brown become so solicitous about me? No, gentlemen, it is a clear attempt to injure me, and Mr. Brown knows it. He knows as well as any man living that I would not, intentionally, send out a ballot that was not legal. I showed and gave my ballots to Mr. Brown's friends. Would it not have been fairer to call my attention to the error then, than have waited until the eve of the election almost, and by silence and secrecy got out a poster that was meant to do me harm. The reason is obvious, and I ask my friends to refute and repudiate every unjust charge he has made.

E. I. HOLT.

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State of West Virginia,
County of Pocahontas, to-wit:

At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court for said county, on the first Monday in May, 1902.

J. R. Gum, Plaintiff

vs.

J. M. Moomau Defendant.

The object of this suit is to dissolve the partnership heretofore existing between the plaintiff and defendant under the firm name and style of Moomau and Gum, to pay partnership debts, state the accounts, and ascertain and apply the surplus, and to attach the personal property of the defendant.

J. M. Moomau and subject the same to the payment of the sum of \$21.62 due from said J. M. Moomau to the said J. R. Gum. Said lot has on it a comfortable dwelling house, and is well situated on Main Street and in the heart of the town.

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F. R. HILL, ANDREW PRICE, Special Commissioners. L. J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, do certify that the above-named special commissioners have executed bond as required by said decree.

J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

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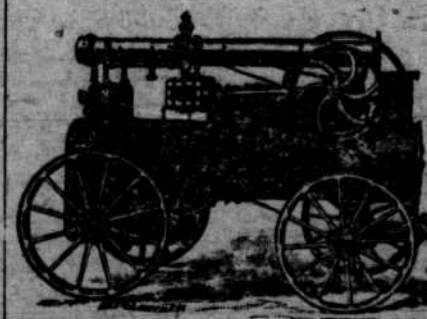
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